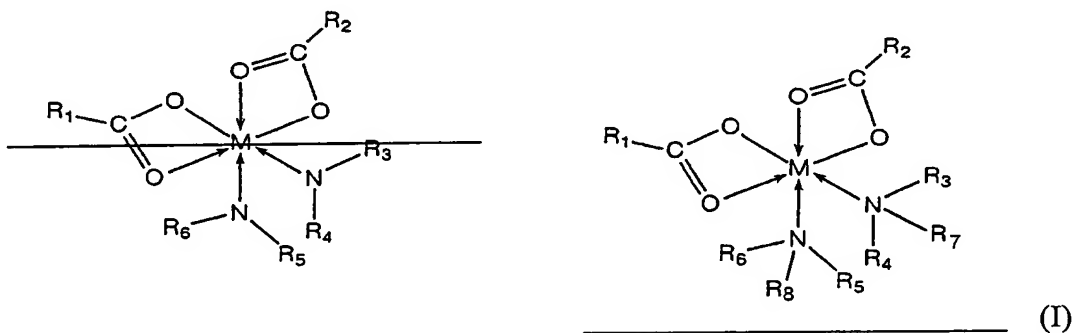


**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 4, please replace the third paragraph after the heading "Summary of the Invention" which bridges pages 5 with the following paragraph.

In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a water-scavenging agent for an organic EL device comprising a compound of formula (i) as a primary component:



wherein,

~~R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are each independently hydrogen; halogen; alkyl; aryl; cycloalkyl or hetero ring, optionally substituted with at least one halogen atom;~~

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are each independently C<sub>4-10</sub> alkyl;

R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> are each independently hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> hydroxyalkyl or C<sub>3-9</sub> alkenyl; or R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> form together with the respective nitrogen atoms attached thereto a condensed aromatic ring containing two nitrogen atoms; and M is a metal having a coordination number of 6 ~~cobalt, manganese or aluminum.~~

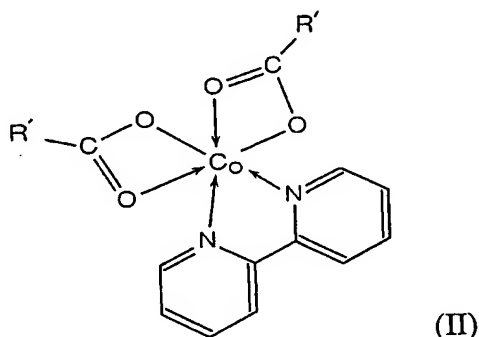
On page 7, please replace third full paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

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The organo-metallic compound of formula (I) is used as a water-scavenging agent for the water-scavenging agent layer (7). The organo-metallic compound of formula (I),  $M(\text{COOR}_1)(\text{COOR}_2)\text{NR}_3\text{R}_4\text{R}_7)(\text{NR}_5\text{R}_6\text{R}_8)$ , has a structure in which the oxygen atoms of the carboxylic groups and the nitrogen atoms of the amino groups of amines are coordinated to metal M having a coordination number of 6.

On page 10, please replace the last paragraph which bridges page 11 with the following amended paragraph.

$\text{Co}(\text{COOR}')_2(\text{BPY})$ , one of the inventive organo-metallic compounds, has the structure of formula (II), wherein M is cobalt and the amine ligand is 2,2'-bipyridyl(BPY):



wherein, R' has the same meaning as  $\text{R}_1$  to  $\text{R}_8$  and  $\text{R}_2$ .

On page 21, please replace the last paragraph which bridges page 22 with the following amended paragraph.

The manganese-amine-carboxylic acid composite of formula (XIII) (Compound F),  $\text{Mn}(\text{COOC}_7\text{H}_{15})_2(\text{BDEA})$  (BDEA = butyldiethanolamine), was employed as a water-scavenger. The glass plate (2) and the organic luminescent part laminated thereon were the same as those in Example 1.



(XIII)